



SWARC NEWS

Notes from K7RLH

Raffle ticket stubs and monies were delivered at the meeting. I'm sorry to say that we fell woefully short of selling the 200 tickets. The raffle will be drawn at 6:00 pm on June 24th, the Saturday of Field Day weekend.

Our annual dues year expires on 30 June 2023, so it's time to renew. Except for those who joined during RARSfest, at last month's or this month's meeting, most everyone else will need to submit payment of \$30 per member with additional \$5 per family member in late June or early July. **There are a lot of folks on our email list that have not renewed in some time. We ask that you send an email to info@southwakearc.com stating your intentions/desires, e.g., are you renewing or wish to be dropped. Regrettably, those unpaid by 1 August will be dropped.**

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, Kenny, KJ4CVK, Velda, K4VJC, Mike, KD4MC, and Steve, KA0GMY.

Steve, KA0GMY, continues to have health issues, so remember him, Steve Jr., and Miss Gloria as well (particularly).

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, has had several chemo and immunotherapy treatments and has a medical review of recent scans this coming Friday. I offered to help in any way we can.

Velda, K4VJC, and Mike, KD4MC, have returned from Virginia (after almost a year) to their residence. Velda still has many challenges ahead so reach out to Mike and see how you can help in any way.

Kenny, KJ4CVK, is well for now, but he needs our prayers and support anyway.

Personal Note: I have enjoyed being the club president for the past two years and I appreciate the support I have received from the officers and membership. It's a team effort and 'no man is an island.' I thank you for the trust imparted to me to lead this fine group and I wish the incoming officers the best of luck in keeping up our support of the Central Carolina VE Team, the TARPEN packet nodes, and the club radio room and equipment.

One last thing! I had the opportunity to attend Hamvention this year and I highly recommend it to anyone that can spend a day just leisurely roaming thru the numerous vendor/info booths and displays. I had my wife and grandson along so I didn't stop at a lot of booths that I might have, but I was introducing the grandson to all the facets of ham radio as he is planning to get licensed.

Look for other news and info in the body of the newsletter.

SWARC de K7RLH

Notes from KO4ZFO

Thank you all for attending our June meeting; I look forward to serving as our club President for the next fiscal year. Please feel free to let me know if you have questions and/or concerns. Also, reach out to me with ideas for meeting topics and thoughts on how to grow/improve the club. Stay safe and enjoy Field Day this year.

Our next meeting is the recap of Field Day; meeting date is July 5 and normal times apply—food at 6:00 ish and meeting at 7:00 ish.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

73,

Rodney Warren - KO4ZFO
SWARC VP (President-elect)

SWARC 7 June 2023 Meeting Recap

Since we currently have no club secretary, here is a recap of the meeting (aka Elections and Field Day discussion).

The club furnished pizza and, unusually for this group, there was very little in the dessert category—thanks to Bill Blomgren and Robert Walker for their contributions.

In-Person Attendees included:

Richard Hall (K7RLH), Bill Blomgren (KK4QDZ), Rodney Warren (KO4ZFO), Al Crawford (WA4TCJ), Linda Crawford (KI4LO), Rich Gehle" (N4DPQ), Brian Knox (KK4BK), Dave Krum (NW3U), Steve Suzanne (WB4SMS), Robert Walker (KQ4GSA), Ken Castille (KN4GUS), Don Nicholson (KN4OEY), Paul Nicholson (KN4NGI), Steve Mowels (KA0GMY), Thomas McCullough (KO4WXJ), Matt Price (KE4NIP), Christy Fernandini (KJ4AEO), and Bernie Jones (N4BAJ). **Joining at the meeting was Grant Gibson (NE5GG). Ed Castle (N1WMM) and his wife, Karen (KB1IEP) renewed their memberships as well.**

Old/Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

At the suggestion of Rodney Warren, VP, the board of directors voted unanimously prior to the May meeting to offer an honorary/lifetime membership to Steve

Mowels, KA0GMY. This was confirmed by the members attending the Picnic and the award was presented to Steve during this meeting. Steve was recognized for his commitment to the club and all activities throughout the year and since the club founding many years ago. See the photo below of Steve and Rodney following the presentation.



This month's meeting included election of officers for the next fiscal year. Brian Knox (KK4BK) and Bernie Jones (N4BAJ) acted as our nominating committee and Brian conducted the election for the club. There were no nominations from the floor so the elected candidates ran unopposed! LOL!

Elections results are as follows:

President KO4ZFO—Rodney Warren

Vice President WB4SMS—Steve Suzanne

Secretary/Newsletter Editor K7RLH—Richard Hall

Treasurer KJ4AEO—Christy Fernandini

Board of Directors (Members-at-Large) remained for another year: K4MWG—Mike Gaither, KK4BK—Brian Knox, WA4TCJ—Al Crawford, and N4BAJ—Bernie Jones.

Be sure to congratulate the incoming officers and give them your full support in the coming year.

Attention Badge-less Members!!!

Al Crawford (WA4TCJ) has determined that name badges will cost about \$11.00 which includes shipping cost. Please contact Al directly at wa4tcj@juno.com if you wish to obtain a name badge—be sure to give him your name and call sign. He is now taking names for the second order; he already has two on the list so don't delay if you want/need a club badge.

Field Day Discussion

We did have a good discussion on the upcoming Field Day (FD) and how we all can participate, even from the luxury of our homes. The club will have one or more HF stations available subject to antennas and we should be able to use the big field in front of Bldg 2 since the Legion should not be having any event that corresponds with FD. **Due to other scheduled events in Bldg 2, we must be out of there by 6:00 am on Sunday morning.** If you choose to participate from home, be sure to upload your contacts (from your logging program) into the required ADIF file format and annotate in the remarks section on ARRL's site that you supported "southwakearc" with your endeavors. There will be a modest repast in late afternoon with leftover hot dogs and buns, etc., from the picnic. Members will need to bring their favorite snacks or sweets as usual; some soft drinks will be available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christy Fernandini's emailed report showed a modest increase in the finances during May. Balance of \$1,965.51 with no obligated funds or invoices outstanding.

MEMBERSHIP

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will let me know she has received them. Also, you can now renew somewhat online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC. Send it to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 2752

NET REPORT

SWARC Group – May 2023

We have four individuals who are net check-in champs for May; they are Bill, KK4QDZ, Richard, K7RLH, Walter, KG4JOK, and Al, WA3JJG. The monthly total of check-ins was 217—slightly down from last month! Note that **not** all net controls record their counts so numbers could actually be higher than recorded.

- Saturday and Sunday evenings will be called by KT4JR & K7RLH
- KO4ZFO will call Monday evenings
- KA0GMY will call Tuesday evenings (backup is K7RLH)
- KK4BK will call Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights
- KJ4CVK will call Thursday evenings
- Fridays will continue to be called by NC4MP
- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Please contact Rodney Warren, KO4ZFO, or Kenny, KJ4CVK, if you are interested in calling one or more nets.

Public Service

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is upon us and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS website.

Dave Krum (NW3U), reported a scheduled event in May and several future events. Other events will follow throughout the remainder of the year.

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Member-At-Large

Bernie Jones – N4BAJ

Member-At-Large

Mike Gaither –
K4MWG

Member-At-Large

Brian Knox--KK4BK

Membership Chair

Steve Suzanne—
WB4SMS

Appointed Positions

NET MANAGER

Kenny Souther-KJ4CVK

Special Events Director

Gino Fernandini –KI4YXO

Public Service Director

David Krum – NW3U

LINKS (if you have other links you want added then send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

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www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

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www.jars.net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

_North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

_TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

_Car Radio Development History

<https://www.titlemax.com/articles/the-history-of-the-car-radio/>

ARRL News

ARRL Field Day Public Relations Tools

Those interested in helpful tips and tricks to get the message out about their Field Day event have a new training tool. The [ARRL Public Relations Committee](#) (PRC) has published a video webinar with pointers on media and public relations techniques for the event. There's also helpful information on outreach and social media strategy that can be useful throughout the year. The session is 37 minutes long and may be found [at this link](#).

The PRC is a national-level committee appointed annually by the President of ARRL. Comprised of people with extensive experience in different areas of public relations, media work, news, and social issues experience, this committee is the "go-to-" group for making national-level events happen. They provide support, advice, and skilled help.

Proclaiming Field Day!

With 2023 Field Day fast approaching, many amateur radio operators are busy scouting their locations and getting their equipment ready for the big event.

State Sections and individual clubs are also working on publicizing Field Day and obtaining proclamations from local and state governments. It's a great way to help get clubs noticed and to draw attention to amateur radio.

[The ARRL 2023 Field Day Overview](#) is a great place to start and has information on every aspect of getting ready for Field Day. Visit [the ARRL Field Day web page](#) for all of the event's rules and regulations. The information is also available in Spanish at: [Reglas del Día de Campo de la ARRL 2023](#).



ARRL will host a livestream on YouTube and other social media platforms during Field Day. The social media team will be sharing images and photos posted with the hashtag #ARRLFD. Remember to post content with the hashtag for a chance to be featured and help spread the message of the event. Also, tag us! Find our social media channels [on this page](#).

Australian Government to Resume Amateur Licensure, Deed Delegation Ends

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) said they will resume responsibility for amateur radio licensing in the country. As [first reported](#) by the Wireless Institute of Australia, the "new, more effective arrangements" come as ACMA reported that the Australian Maritime College (AMC) has decided not to extend a deeded arrangement that delegated licensing of radio amateurs to the school beyond February 2024. AMC has been responsible for operator exams, issuing qualifications, and recommending that ACMA issue a call sign to an applicant.



Australia issues three license classes: Foundation, Standard, and Advanced. Currently, tests are administered by volunteer assessors, often associated with radio clubs, who are accredited through the AMC. ACMA proposes to keep that same corps of volunteers, but to have them directly

administer testing on behalf of the government. Those interested in being ACMA-accredited assessors may apply to the agency.

ACMA plans to introduce the new accreditation scheme and class licensing arrangements in August 2023.

In Brief...

The final numbers are in for the 2023 Dayton Hamvention®. Hamvention General Chairman Jim Storms, AB8YK, reported that there were 33,861 attendees at this year's event, which is 2,000 more than last year. This year's number even surpassed the pre-pandemic attendance record of 32,472. "Things went very smoothly due to the dedication and hard work of close to 700 volunteers," said Storms. Preparations for next year's event on May 17 - 19, 2024, have already begun.

A visit to ARRL. On Thursday, June 8, 2023, ARRL headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, enjoyed a visit from Abdullah Altaleb, HZ1EK from Saudi Arabia.

Altaleb met ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA, (see photo) during his visit, and toured W1AW, the Maxim Memorial Station.

For more information about visiting ARRL HQ and guest operating W1AW, visit our www.arrl.org/visit-us



Upcoming Contests:

- June 12 -- 4 States QRP Group 2nd Sun Sprint (CW, phone)
- June 14 -- NAQCC CW Sprint (CW)
- June 14 -- VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest (FT8)
- June 14 -- RSGB 80m Club Champ (CW)
- June 15 -- NTC QSO Party (CW Max 25 WPM)

Visit the ARRL Contest Calendar for more events and information.

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

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- June 17 | [Knoxville Hamfest and Electronics Convention](#), hosting the ARRL Tennessee State Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee
- June 23 - 25 | [HAM RADIO](#), Friedrichshafen, Germany
- July 8 | [SVARC Summer Hamfest Minot](#), hosting the ARRL North Dakota Section Convention, Minot, North Dakota
- July 15 | [SEARC Tailgate Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL South Dakota Section Convention, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- July 29 | [CVARC 2023 Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Pennsylvania State Convention, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
- July 29 | [ARRL West Virginia State Convention and Ham Fest](#), Sutton, West Virginia
- August 19 - 20 | [Huntsville Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Alabama State Convention, Huntsville, Alabama
- August 25 - 27 | [Northeast HamXposition](#), hosting the ARRL New England Division Convention, Marlborough, Massachusetts
- September 1 - 3 | [Shelby Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL North Carolina Section Convention, Shelby, North Carolina

Search the [ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database](#) to find events in your area.



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